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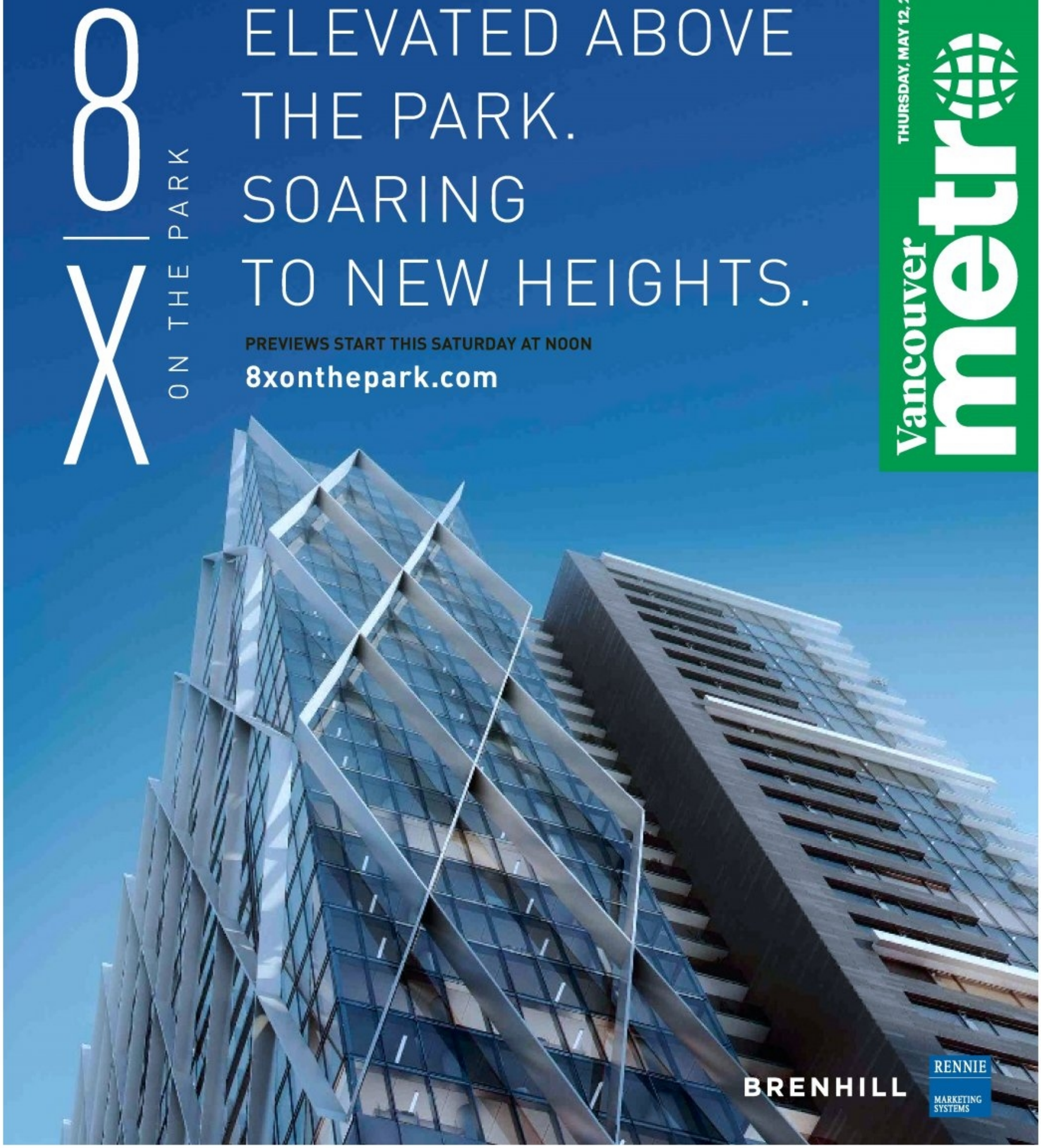

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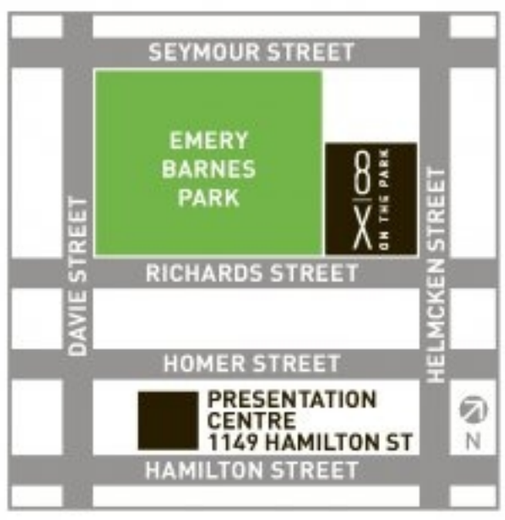

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Performer Alexis Chicoine poses before rehearsal in Vancouver on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

City tough for millennials

INCOME

Housing crisis leaving young couples in the red, data shows

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Home-owning Vancouver millennials have the lowest discretionary income in Canada, according to a new report.

Credit union Vancity released a report titled No Fund City on Wednesday, which frames the city's housing affordability crisis by highlighting the financial hardship faced by those aged 25 to 34 in 10 major Canadian cities.

A typical millennial couple in Vancouver earned $72,291 in 2015, the second-lowest rate in the country, despite living in the most expensive city for housing.

If that couple buys an average-priced home in Vancouver, the report says, they would be left with a disposable income of -$2,745 after paying for essential expenses such as taxes, healthcare premiums, food, utilities, transportation, clothing and housing.

Vancouver is the only city where millennials end up in debt based on Vancity's calculations.

In comparison, millennial couples end up with discretionary incomes of $3,379 in Toronto, $12,200 in Victoria, $26,915 in Montreal, $34,502 in Ottawa, $41,933 in Calgary and $47,356 in Edmonton.

"The data proves that this is a really hard place to set down roots," said Vancity vice-president William Azaroff. "We need these young people to set down roots."

According to an Insights West poll released earlier this week, housing and poverty is now the top issue for British Columbians.

Given Vancouver's affordability crisis, Azaroff isn't surprised and believes there's pressure on all levels of government and institutions to do something about it.

"It's the topic on all of our lips," he said. "But there is no silver bullet. The data contributes to the conversation, but all sorts of different partners need to come to the table to address this."

Things get a little easier for millennial couples who choose cheaper housing options such as condos and townhouses.

Though they still rank in the bottom two (after Toronto), a condo-owning couple in Vancouver can expect to have a discretionary income of $16,422, while those buying townhouses have $9,549 to spend, according to the report.

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Apartment buildings in Vancouver's West End. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Housing plan will need rethink

REAL ESTATE

Report says 10-year strategy should be tested in 2017

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver's 10-year housing plan needs a revamp halfway in, according to a report going to council next week.

The first part of city staff's 2015 Housing and Homelessness Strategy Report Card was released publicly Wednesday.

In it, staff say the city has enabled over 12,000 rental units and contributed $360 million toward affordable housing and another $250 million in land for affordable housing developments since the strategy began in 2012.

The city has already exceeded its five-year targets for the number of secured market rental housing (5,119 units, 205 per cent of the goal) and secondary rentals like suites and laneway houses (3,547 units, 118 per cent of the goal).

The city is at 81 per cent of its target to create 2,275 units of supportive housing by 2016, and 67 per cent of its target of 2,5000 social housing units.

The city will know for sure if it hit all of its five-year goals in the first half of 2017.

Staff warn, however, that the plan is in need of an upgrade.

"Affordability challenges have become more prevalent and despite the efforts of the City, it has become even harder to find and maintain affordable housing in Vancouver. The recent unprecedented rise in housing costs requires the City to take a further look at our tools and authorities around housing and determine if more can be done," the report reads. "In 2016 the City will refresh our Housing and Homelessness Strategy identifying our current effective approaches and further actions and efforts that will impact affordability in the City."

The report says Vancouver has the lowest rental vacancy rate in Canada at 0.6 per cent.

The city has the highest housing prices and rents in the nation, but the lowest median incomes among Canada's major cities.

Adding to the challenge, the report says 81 per cent of the city's rental stock is now 35 years or older, with much of it requiring "significant reinvestment."

Less than one per cent of the rental stock in the city has three or more bedrooms, which is something the city has recently taken upon itself to increase.

Twenty per cent of new housing starts in Vancouver are now rentals, compared to just eight per cent in 2006 to 2010.

Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy predicts the city will see an additional demand for 31,000 housing units by 2021, including nearly 11,000 rental units, the report cites.

"Much more work needs to be done to address Vancouver's housing crisis, recognizing that to achieve deeper levels of affordability senior government support is required," the report concludes.

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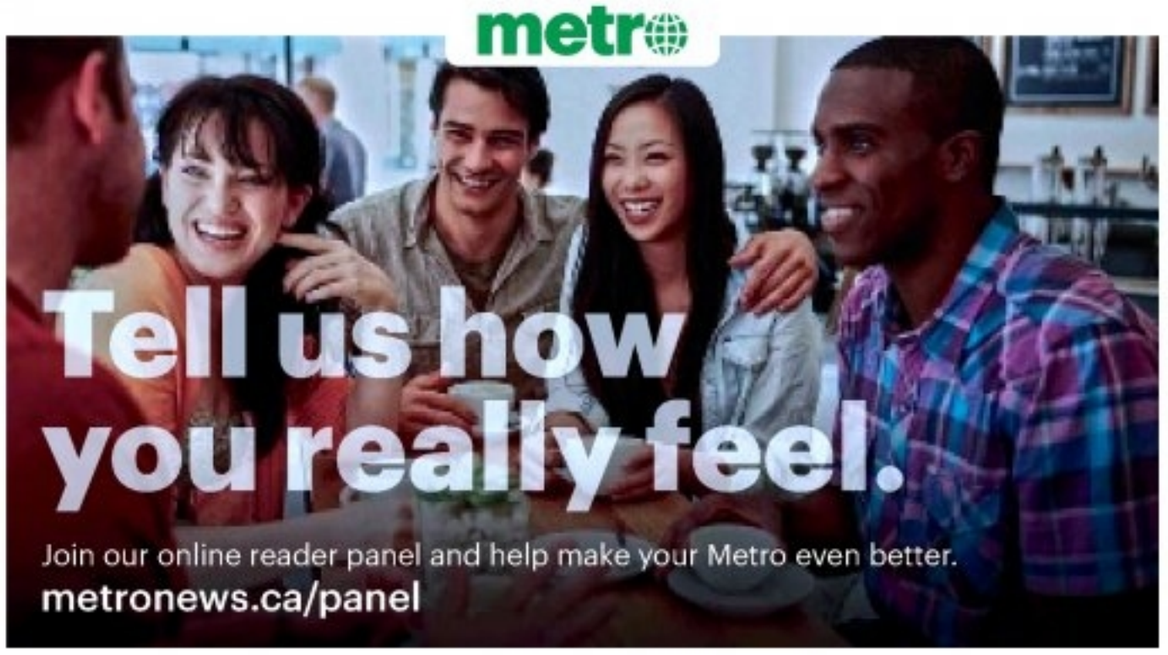

Activist: Buying alcohol for minors no good deed

ADDICTION

Young woman who started drinking at 12 calls for change

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Calista Fanthorpe speaks to reporters at Lions Gate Hospital on Wednesday about the effect binge drinking at a young age has had on her life. **A survey found girls who binge drink are more likely to report multiple consequences of their alcohol use**, such as passing out, having sex when they didn't want to or doing something that they couldn't remember. CONTRIBUTED

A young North Vancouver woman has issued a stark warning to adults about the dangers of buying alcohol for minors, revealing the dark path that binge drinking led her down as a teenager.

Calista Fanthorpe started drinking when she was 12. As a teen, she recalled standing outside liquor stores asking adults to buy her a large bottle of alcohol to split with friends.

"Within less than an hour, the booze would be gone," she said. "Some of us would become so intoxicated, we blacked out and eventually got sick or passed out in a park."

Speaking to reporters at Lions Gate Hospital on Wednesday, Fanthorpe shared her story as part of the launch of the Think Before You Drink campaign, a partnership between Vancouver Coastal Health, North Vancouver RCMP and West Vancouver Police aimed at educating adults on the dangers of providing alcohol to minors.

According to the most recent data collected through the B.C. Adolescent Health Survey, binge drinking is a serious problem for youth in this province, especially teen girls.

The data, collected in 2013, found that young teen girls who took part in the survey were more likely than their male counterparts to have been drinking regularly and heavily in the past month.

Girls who binge drink were also more likely to report multiple consequences of their alcohol use, such as passing out, having sex when they didn't want to or doing something that they couldn't remember, the survey found.

According to Kerrie Watt, alcohol and drug prevention educator at Vancouver Coastal Health, young women are especially vulnerable to alcohol.

> **The risks associated with each gender are different, and unfortunately, young women come out drawing the short straw.** Kerrie Watt, Vancouver Coastal Health

"They're more likely to engage in risky behaviour while binge drinking," she said in a news release. "The risks associated with each gender are different, and unfortunately, young women come out drawing the short straw."

Now 21, Fanthorpe has been sober for 18 months, but her journey to sobriety was not without its challenges.

She said her early introduction to alcohol eventually led her to try more dangerous substances that had a devastating impact on her life.

"We were being provided with alcohol by supposed responsible adults with absolutely no education on how physiologically powerful the effects of alcohol are," she said.

Fanthorpe urged adults to learn from her experience and not provide alcohol to youth.

"It's up to us young adult women to take personal responsibility for the example we are setting for younger girls and teens," she said. "Please don't buy alcohol for minors."

UBC ATTACKS

Six men charged with sex assaults

Six males including a youth have been charged with multiple sexual assaults on the University of B.C. campus and in three other communities.

RCMP detachments in North Vancouver, Burnaby and at UBC joined forces with the Vancouver Police Department and Transit Police to investigate the alleged offences between March 2015 and April 30 this year.

Vancouver Police Supt. Mike Porteous said Wednesday that a number of brave women came forward to report the difficult and horrific details of the surprise attacks, including some cases in which an assailant broke into their homes.

Women "should feel safe to walk, work and go about their business without being victimized or concerned for their safety," he said.

Police said the RCMP's Behavioural Science Unit analyzed several years' worth of data to search for "predatory criminals."

RCMP Chief Supt. Jodie Boudreau said anyone who has been a victim of a sexual assault should contact police immediately to get the help they need to deal with the trauma.

"These crimes justifiably scared people living and working in those communities," she said.

Police say tips from the public helped capture the accused attackers.

One man faces a number of charges including sexual assault causing bodily harm, robbery and disguising his face with intent to commit an offence for an alleged assault in the UBC area on April 30.

Another man has been charged with intent to commit sexual assault for the same incident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FIRST NATIONS

Consultation urged for LNG proponents

Aboriginal consultation must be the top priority for liquefied natural gas proponents in Canada, say a company and First Nation that have partnered to build a LNG facility on Vancouver Island.

Steelhead LNG president Victor Ojeda and Malahat Nation CEO Renee Racette spoke to the Canada LNG Export conference in Vancouver on Wednesday about minimizing the risk of costly delays through collaboration.

Ojeda told a crowd of engineers and businesspeople that the company began consulting with the Malahat well before entering the regulatory process or advanced design phase.

"Frankly, I don't know why it would make business sense to do it later, when you've invested a lot more," he said. "(Early consultation) makes business sense from our perspective and it's the right thing to do."

The pair made the comments as LNG proponents in British Columbia try to coax often fiercely-opposed First Nations to consider the economic promises of such projects.

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> Victor Ojeda

Pacific NorthWest LNG, for example, recently won conditional support from the Lax Kw'alaams First Nation after a long battle that saw the community initially reject a $1.14-billion-benefit deal.

There are 19 LNG proposals in B.C., but even those that have First Nations support still face serious challenges including weakened Asian demand and slumping energy prices.

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Performer Alexis Chicoine fixes her hair before rehearsal for an ensemble burlesque cabaret show in Vancouver on Tuesday.
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Sex and disability

BURLESQUE

'We have a libido like everyone else': Show host

Talking about sex can be awkward for anyone, but some people with disabilities say expressing their most intimate needs can often feel insurmountable.

To challenge the taboo, a group of performers who have disabilities will bare their hearts and bodies in a new burlesque cabaret that includes a wheelchair striptease.

The show weaves together comedy, sequins and silk gowns to dress up a topic that those involved say goes underexposed.

"We have a libido like everybody else," said Andrew Vallance, 35, who will host the show that opens this week in Vancouver.

"But there's a whole load of prejudice and institutional barriers that prevent us from expressing our sexualities. It's about time we knocked those barriers down."

The show, titled Sexy Voices, runs for three days starting Thursday.

It will fearlessly thrust sex and disability into the limelight, said managing artistic director Rena Cohen, with the non-profit Realwheels Theatre company.

It's not physical, but attitudinal barriers that are the greatest challenges for people with disabilities, Cohen said.

The community-based performance will push boundaries through a series of vignettes by people from their 20s to 70s who self-identify as living with a disability.

Along with being entertained, Cohen hopes audiences will acknowledge that many people with disabilities are denied sexual identities, ranging from overt stigma to incidentally not being perceived as having the capacity for intimacy.

"People just assume that somebody who is perhaps a wheelchair user doesn't have a functionality with regards to sexuality," Cohen said.

"That's often not the case. Sexuality is just as important to those who live with disabilities as anybody else."

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In spite of some bright, sunny days, the PNE has been seeing more rain during its traditional late-summer run. METRO FILE

PNE to poll public on weather woes

SUMMER DATES

Attendance tends to drop with rainy days in late August

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Pacific National Exhibition organizers are contemplating moving the fair from its traditional late summer dates.

Spokesperson Laura Ballance told Metro the fair has been "seeing increasing issues around the weather pattern in the Lower Mainland" during its late-August time slot.

Last year, there was rain during at least 10 of the fair's 15 days.

"It's something we've been concerned about for the better part of a decade now. (The issue) really came to a head last year.

"We had a great opening, a lot of momentum in the first four days and then the big storm hit," said Ballance. "We just never regained our momentum after that."

The PNE has hired Insights West to conduct a poll on its website to gauge whether people would be open to moving the fair to a warmer, drier month like July.

It will also be doing telephone polling throughout Metro Vancouver.

"Without things like subsidies, we have to make sure we're doing the best we can for this incredible B.C. legacy," Ballance said. "(A date change) wouldn't be for this year or even the next one, but we need to start the conversation."

The online poll, available now until Sunday, May 22, asks people what their relationship with the fair is, where they live, whether they attend the fair and how often, whether it is a B.C. tradition that should continue, and how much the weather affects people's decision to attend.

It then tells people that there is twice as much rainfall during the last two weeks of August (when the PNE is traditionally held) compared to the last two weeks of July.

The fair would still run the same number of days and weekends should the date be changed in 2018 or later, according to information in the survey.

This year's PNE runs Aug. 20 through Sept. 5.

UNION

Nurses ratify 5.5% wage hike

The British Columbia Nurses Union has voted to ratify a five-year contact that gives 40,000 of its members a 5.5 per cent wage increase.

The deal includes government commitments to contribute $4 million to programs targeting workplace violence and rural recruitment of nurses.

Health Minister Terry Lake says the agreement was reached under the government's Economic Stability Mandate, which includes provisions for extra wage increases if B.C.'s economy exceeds annual forecasts.

B.C.'s unionized government workers received a small pay increase last year after Statistics Canada reported the provincial economy grew 3.2 per cent in 2014, exceeding independent projections of 2.3 per cent.

$4M

Part of the deal gives $4 million to programs on workplace violence and rural recruitment

Nurses union president Gayle Duteil says the deal gives nurses a stronger voice to shape provincial health care policy.

Health employers interim president Tony Collins says the contract builds on commitments to improve patient care and working conditions for health care professionals.

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The man who stayed to face the flames

FORT MCMURRAY

As tens of thousands fled city, some chose to remain

Hartley Bushell wasn't going to let flaming embers destroy his beautiful backyard.

As wildfires encroached on Fort McMurray last week, causing officials to command a mandatory evacuation order, Bushell stayed back with hoses at the helm.

Bushell didn't do it alone, either. He said he had his wife, Chalinee, at his side.

"My wife was in tears and wanted to leave, but I wouldn't do anything that would endanger her, ever, so I assured her we were going to be OK.

"I didn't want to see it go up in smoke because it would be a year later that I'd move into a plastic house — somewhere I don't want to be — and it certainly wouldn't have an outdoor kitchen and a water feature."

Sgt. John Spaans, with the Alberta RCMP, said there have been others who stayed put, though he wouldn't say how many, as officers don't want to discourage residents who fled.

He said RCMP can't force people to leave via arrest, unless they pose a danger to themselves and the public.

Bushell was told to leave numerous times, but said he knew he was in the clear.

"I'm not a daredevil," he said. "We maintained a vigilant, diligent spark watch. We had an easy escape route and our vehicle was packed with supplies.

"We stayed the course and kept everything from igniting until the fire was no longer an immediate threat."

Hartley Bushell and P.J. the pug. CONTRIBUTED

FINANCES

Evacuees line up for debit cards

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Patrick Bailey and Korey Sweeney were in line in Edmonton by about 11 a.m. Wednesday, an estimated 100 people already ahead of them.

At the front of the line was what many of them desperately need: Money.

Last week, as a wildfire bore down on Fort McMurray, Bailey and Sweeney only had time to pack enough clothes to fill a duffle bag between them before fleeing. But on Wednesday, they went to the University of Alberta in Edmonton as evacuees, and said the prize at the end of the long queue — debit cards with government money — would be going toward basic necessities.

"It'll help us get food, rent, just help us get back on our feet basically," Sweeney said.

Premier Rachel Notley announced Wednesday that Alberta will supply Fort McMurray evacuees with debit cards with $1,250 on them, and also add $500 for each dependent child under the age of 18.

The debit cards will be available to anyone who had to leave Fort McMurray, regardless of their economic circumstances.

Suncor hired analysts to predict path of fire

Suncor Energy has confirmed it used its own analysts to predict the path of wildfires near its facilities in Fort McMurray, and one source told Metro on background that it did so because it thought the government's fire modelling and predictions were potentially flawed.

As wildfires raged in the city, both the government and Suncor had fire prediction specialists that traced the path of the quickly spreading inferno.

Suncor spokeswoman Sneh Seetal couldn't say Suncor trusted the judgment of government analysts. JEREMY SIMES/METRO

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In India, right-wing activists make offerings to the fire god as they conduct Hindu rituals to ensure a win for U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump. Trump's calls to temporarily ban Muslims from America and crack down on terrorist groups have earned him some fans in India. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trump aiming for party unity

U.S. ELECTION

Front-runner has 92% of the delegates needed

Donald Trump is taking a run at party peacemaking now that voters have put him on a glide path to the Republican nomination. If he can't get restive Republicans like House Speaker Paul Ryan on side, he says he'll keep on winning anyway.

Trump now has 92 per cent of the delegates he needs to clinch the nomination, according to AP's count, after he earned a hefty haul Tuesday night in West Virginia and Nebraska primaries. He has the field to himself, but after having nearly closed the deal with primary voters, he's facing a Republican establishment that is deeply wary of his candidacy but has nowhere else to go.

Trump and Ryan are to meet Thursday, days after the speaker — the nation's top elected Republican — withheld his endorsement. Asked on Fox News what will happen if the meeting does not go well, Trump said: "We'll trudge forward and do like I've been doing, and win all the time."

Despite his unconcerned tone, much rides on the relationship he forges with party leaders. Trump's bare-bones campaign has glaring deficiencies the party apparatus is uniquely positioned to address. The New York businessman has largely ignored collecting information on voters he needs to turn out in November, sent few staff to battleground states and taken no steps to build a fundraising network. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Allegation by Philippine VP candidate rebuffed

Philippine election officials challenged Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. on Wednesday to prove his allegation of irregularities in the counting of votes for vice-president, where he has been overtaken by his closest rival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FBI head: Daesh brand losing attraction in U.S.

Fewer Americans are travelling to fight alongside Daesh and the power of the extremist group's brand has diminished in the United States, FBI director James Comey said Wednesday, with the number averaging about one a month since last summer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONARCHY

Chinese officials 'rude,' says the Queen

Queen Elizabeth II THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 90-year-old Queen has made a rare foray into political affairs, being caught on film characterizing Chinese officials as "very rude" in their dealings with British counterparts during a state visit last year.

Queen Elizabeth II made the unguarded comments Tuesday while talking to a senior police officer at a rain-soaked garden party on the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

With uncharacteristic bluntness the Queen said the Chinese had not dealt properly with Barbara Woodward, the British envoy to China.

"They were very rude to the ambassador," Elizabeth said.

The comments were recorded by a palace-authorized cameraman working for three British networks and distributed to broadcasters under a pool arrangement allowing them to use the material. Two reporters close to the queen did not hear the comments but they were easily discernible on the videotape.

Elizabeth's broadside was unusual. As a constitutional monarch, she is prohibited from being actively involved in politics. She has assiduously earned a reputation for great discretion, and it is completely out of character for her to publicly criticize another country's diplomats. If anything, she has been so careful to adhere strictly to her defined constitutional role that some commentators say they have no idea what she thinks about world affairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON VOTING REFORM

Surely on a matter that affects the way Canada's electoral life is governed, voters should be able to expect that MPs be allowed to weigh in on an equal basis, regardless of partisan affiliation.

Among Justin Trudeau's commitments, few are as time-sensitive as his promise to have a new voting system in place for the 2019 federal election.

And so, as the weeks turned into months and eventually into more than half a year without any action from the incoming government, questions arose as to how committed the Liberals were to a promise they had made when they were twice removed from power.

Elections Canada needs about two years to have a new voting system up and running for the 2019 campaign. Presuming that the Liberals' promised electoral reform in good faith, only the search for a way to invest as much legitimacy as possible in the process could justify the delay.

Instead, on Thursday, the mountain gave birth to a mouse in the shape of a parliamentary committee that is special only in name. Its makeup replicates the very distortions that the Liberals claim to want to redress through electoral reform.

Like every other committee on Parliament Hill, it will feature a Liberal majority made up, in this case, of six government MPs with three Conservatives and one New Democrat rounding up the lot. The Bloc Québécois and the Green Party have been each assigned a seat, albeit at the equivalent of the children's table. Their respective representative will have no voting rights.

It is an open secret that more than a few Liberals would not be unhappy to see the entire electoral plan founder.

The latter is generous only by the standard of the parliamentary rule that denies official status and de facto committee spots to parties that fail to elect at least 12 MPs. But in the larger picture, the condescending Liberal approach to the place of the smaller parties in the electoral reform debate amounts to treating the 1.5 million Canadians who supported the Bloc and the Green Party last fall as second-tier voters.

Surely on a matter that affects the way Canada's electoral life is governed, voters should be able to expect that MPs be allowed to weigh in on an equal basis, regardless of partisan affiliation.

As if Liberal control of the committee was not enough, there is no commitment on the part of the government that it would use its majority to introduce a new voting system unilaterally and no pledge to submit the result to a plebiscite before implementing it.

Maryam Monsef, Minister of Democratic Institutions, and Dominic LeBlanc, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, announced Wednesday a House committee will study alternative voting systems. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

If only based on the calendar, there is no time to both bring a new voting system to a referendum and put it in place for the next federal election. A committee set up on the eve of the dead political season that is the Canadian summer will already have to take more than a few shortcuts if it is going to a) consult widely and b) come up with a recommendation in time for a Dec. 1 deadline.

Mind you, based on the recent experience of the MPs and senators who toiled diligently on the medically assisted death file only to see the thrust of their report ignored by the government, this committee could amount to little more than a make-work project designed to allow the Liberals to check an item off their bucket list.

There has for a long time been an implicit convention that in matters that pertain to the elections law, governments should strive to secure a consensus that extends beyond their own ranks.

Yes, the Conservatives broke that convention when they last overhauled the election law. But the Liberals promised to do better. Their actions on the electoral reform front so far fall short of that commitment.

Where legitimacy should have been striven for, opposition suspicions that the Liberals want to use this process to either give their party a permanent electoral edge or more simply to sabotage it have instead been reinforced.

It is an open secret that more than a few Liberals would not be unhappy to see the entire electoral plan founder — as long as they could blame someone else for it.

Looking at how Trudeau has stacked the electoral reform deck, a cynic could conclude that his bid to move to a different voting system is programmed to fail if not in the Liberal-controlled House of Commons, then in a Senate conveniently once-removed from the government.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Finally, we hear that famous Ghomeshi voice again

Finally, he spoke.

After 18 months of near-perfect silence, we heard that voice. Still full-bodied and low-toned. Still strong — projecting to the judge and behind him to the benches of reporters and his ever-present mother and sister.

It was Jian Ghomeshi, yes. But that voice, once his golden ticket, was used in a way we haven't heard before: In an apology.

At 10:09 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Ghomeshi stood in a half-filled courtroom at Toronto's Old City Hall to comply with the key component of the peace bond that cut short a second trial for a single charge of sexual assault and provided this swift, preemptive end to his legal woes. He said sorry to Kathryn Borel, once a producer on Q, his CBC radio show.

"I want to apologize to Ms. Borel for my behaviour towards her in the workplace," he began, his voice unmistakable.

Except now, in place of the come-hither croon, Ghomeshi gave carefully constructed distance. He used the impersonal diction of a disgraced politician ("I did not recognize that I crossed boundaries inappropriately"). He read the words, but without feeling.

And he spoke swiftly, like a man on a mission. Which he was. The statement led to the withdrawal of the final criminal charges against him and an end to the headlines and the kind of life where one of your closest confidantes is your lawyer.

There was only a vague reference to the specific incident — that he came up behind Borel at work and "held her waist and pressed his pelvis back and forth, repeatedly into her buttocks," to quote the Crown.

"This incident was thoughtless and I was insensitive," Ghomeshi said.

A letter submitted to court from Ghomeshi's therapist commended his "great commitment and focus" to understanding his behaviour. It was intended to underline his sincerity, but that's a hard thing to prove when Ghomeshi gets so much for seemingly so little: Legally, his apology holds no weight of guilt. Precise and clearly rehearsed, it also functions as a coming-out for the man who was once defined by his ubiquitous celebrity.

Still, for Borel, it offered the "clearest path to the truth."

And it was she who had the last word of the day.

"There are 20 other women who have come forward to the media and made serious allegations about his violent behaviour," she said outside the courthouse. "I think we all want this to be over. But it won't be until he admits to everything that he's done."

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HOT DOG TASTE TEST

Lisa Hanawalt's confessional comics a peek into her anxiety

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When cartoonist Lisa Hanawalt was a kid, she took riding lessons, which turned her already fanatical love of horses into a lifelong obsession. "It was something I glommed onto and couldn't shake it," she says. "I tried to."

Hanawalt's equine friends pop up throughout all her work, most famously in the characters she designed for Netflix's first animated series, the cult-favourite BoJack Horseman, starring Will Arnett as the voice of a boozy, has-been sitcom star. Her new comics collection, Hot Dog Taste Test, published by Drawn & Quarterly, gathers many of Hanawalt's favourite things — anthropomorphized creatures with often gross human foibles and desires, food diaries and lists, interspersed with just the right amount of scatological humour. Many of the illustrated stories first appeared in David Chang's trendy food-culture magazine, Lucky Peach, including her first-hand account of shadowing chef Wylie

Lisa Hanawalt. CONTRIBUTED

Dufresne for a day (referring to the tasty stuffing inside his ravioli dish as "sex cheese"), for which the Los Angeles-based artist won a James Beard Award.

Unlike horses, food was not an obsession for young Hanawalt. A self-described finicky eater who preferred plain mashed potatoes, she is now a fearless connoisseur, willing to try anything from spicy pigeon to viscachas, a pickled rodent meat she purchased in jars while visiting Argentina. Food as a theme gives Hanawalt plenty of material, too. "I can really explore the outer edges of what is even tangentially related to food because it's such an important aspect of life," she says. "Sleep, work, food, sex. It gives me a lot of room to play."

Hanawalt, who is a special guest at this weekend's Toronto Comic Arts Festival, is one of those gifted creative types who can write and draw equally well, and has a seemingly endless fount of productive energy, although she says she often goes to bed feeling like she hasn't accomplished enough. (She also hosts a popular podcast, Baby Geniuses, with her friend, comedian Emily Heller.)

Her work often starts with ideas she's jotted down or with some absentminded doodles from her sketchbook. She claims that she can take on an impulsive "manic persona" when she's drawing.

"It's like a wild person," she says with a laugh.

While there are no shortage of sly gags, Hot Dog Taste Test also features several sentimental stories, with Hanawalt confessing anxieties over family matters, travel fears, social relations — often times told through the voices of her wildlife characters. While Hanawalt enjoys reading confessional, diary comics, she's never been comfortable making them, and so it forces her to try to understand why she needs to share certain feelings with the world.

"Maybe it's that I just want to reach out to the reader and say, Hey, are you like a nervous weirdo, too? It's OK, we'll get through this. It's OK to have these thoughts and feel uncomfortable. And it's me telling myself that, too."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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Food as a theme gives Lisa Hanawalt plenty of humour and storytelling material in her latest book Hot Dog Taste Test. CONTRIBUTED

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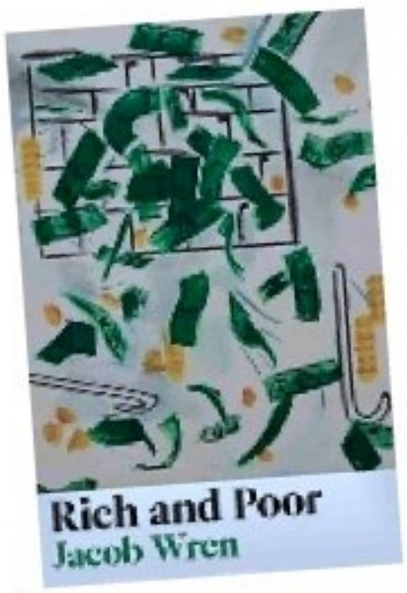

The trouble with capitalism

RICH AND POOR

New novel is a parable of corporate culture

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Canada

"My spare room funds my expeditions," states an outdoor adventurer named Jeff in a new Airbnb billboard near the foot of Yonge Street in Toronto. It's part of the company's first major ad campaign in Canada as so-called disruptive American businesses gain a foothold here.

While the sharing economy is praised by self-described hustlers for allowing us all to become entrepreneurs, author Jacob Wren sees it as a troubling form of "turbo capitalism," forcing us to monetize all aspects of our lives — our homes, cars, and friendships.

"You used to just be able to live in your home but now you have to rent it out every time you leave in order to survive," says Wren, 44, who lives in Montreal.

Wren's new novel, Rich and Poor (Bookthug, $20), is more than a critique of capitalism and profit-obsessed society.

It's a parable examining corporate culture — the way it makes us calculating, unscrupulous and ultimately disposable. Even the billionaire executive realizes "no matter how talented, qualified or indispensable I think I might be, there's always someone else who can do the job."

Inspired by the discourse started by the Occupy movement, Wren says he's intrigued by the discussion caused by the popular protest, and more recently the Panama Papers.

"I remember before Occupy talking to some not particularly 'left' friends, and them all saying shut up about capitalism, no one talks about that anymore," says Wren.

"As Occupy was bringing questions of wealth and inequality into the public and creating new terms like The One Per Cent, suddenly the same people were willing to talk about capitalism and think about what it is and think about how much money is actually being hoarded in offshore accounts."

Wren says these are important issues for his generation, which is said to have less money and fewer opportunities than their parents.

The two main narrators are only known to the reader as No. 1 — the billionaire — and No. 2, a talented pianist who now washes dishes for a living.

No. 2 seeks revenge for the way life has betrayed him, and so he decides that "The poor must kill the rich, one at a time, at every opportunity." He wants to strangle No. 1 with piano wire, and set an example for others to imitate.

Wren read popular business books and CEO biographies to help develop character No. 1, a brilliant executive who memorizes all his employees names and is unusually candid about his company's misconduct.

He says it was a pleasure to write from this perspective, though he admits the mashup is not going to be recognizable as any single person, either living or in popular culture.

"I don't think any actual capitalist will think I've gotten them right," says Wren. "It's a very biased, playful mischievous take on that kind of character, and that kind of larger-than-life figure who rejoices in being a capitalist and also is willing to admit all the problems of it," he says.

In many ways, Rich and Poor is a parody of the typical capitalist villain, says Wren.

For instance, No. 1 considers finding another "trophy wife" but at his age decides it's in bad taste, instead opting for a prostitute because he sees a "pure economic transaction" as "the most clean, the most precise method of fulfilling desires and needs."

If there's commonality between the two narrators, it's in the way both seem unable to maintain relationships and their dysfunctional view on friendship.

No. 2 defines a friend as someone who can "betray you more savagely, more painfully, than anyone else in the world." For this reason, he seeks imitators, not friends.

Meanwhile, No. 1 stabs his best friend in the back to save himself.

"We could say this is kind of the ultimate capitalist manoeuver — to keep your wealth by betraying those closest to you," says Wren.

Jacob Wren, 44, author of Rich and Poor. CONTRIBUTED

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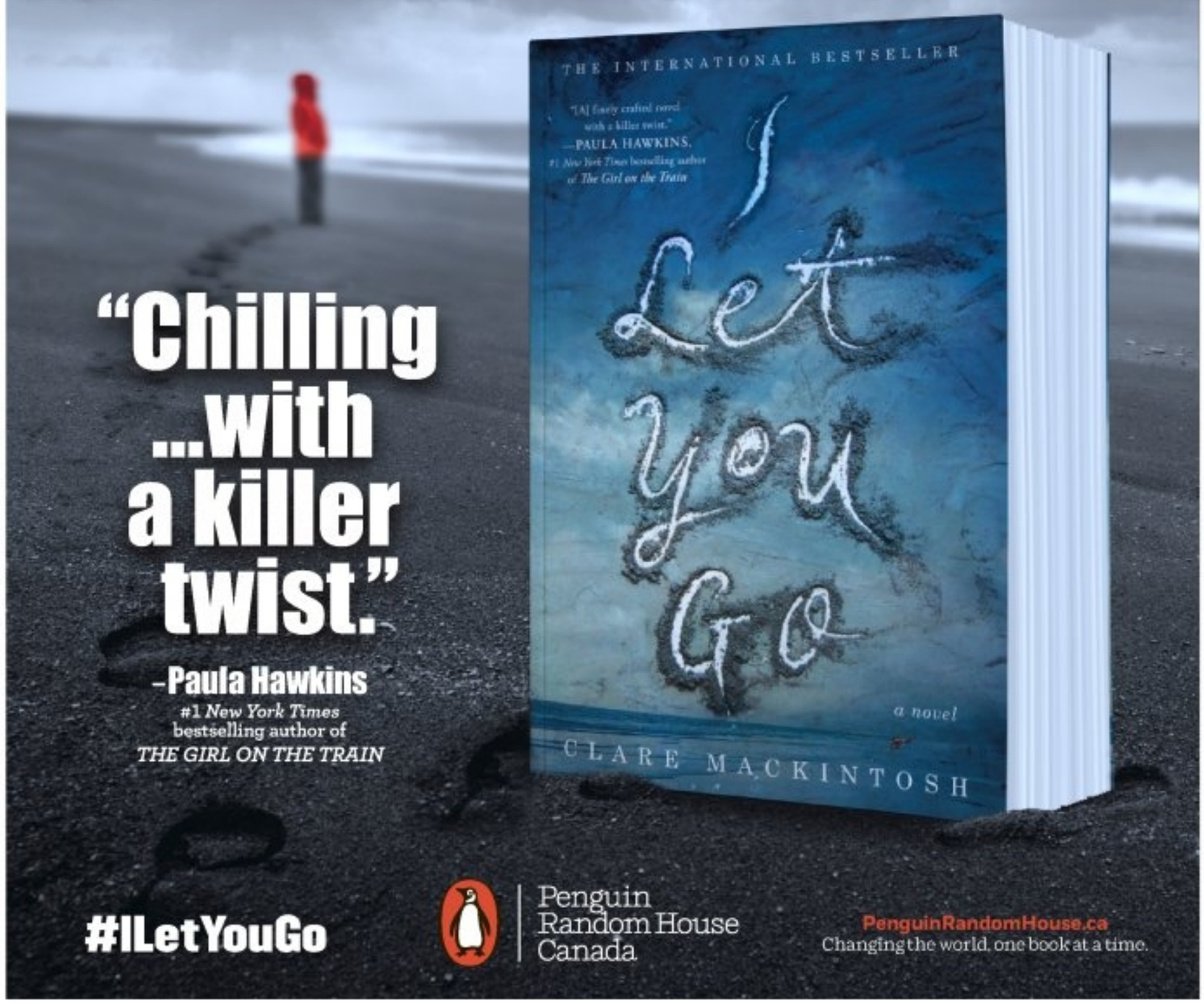
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PANAMA PAPERS

Emma Watson had offshore company

A representative for Harry Potter actress Emma Watson said she had an offshore company for privacy reasons only.

The company, Falling Leaves Ltd., was named in the so-called Panama Papers, a series of leaked documents that revealed how some politicians and celebrities hide money. More files were made available this week by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.

Watson created the company in the British Virgin Islands three years ago "for the sole purpose of protecting her anonymity and safety," the representative said.

"UK companies are required to publicly publish details of their shareholders and therefore do not give her the necessary anonymity required to protect her personal safety."

The spokesman said Watson received no monetary advantages from the offshore company.

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Watson's company was used only for privacy reasons, a representative claims. CONTRIBUTED

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Harsher comedy is on display

THE SHOW: Veep, S5, E4 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The dying mother

Veep remains one of the fleetest, funniest half-hours on TV, says Schneller. CONTRIBUTED

U.S. President Selina Meyer (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) and her staff crowd into a hospital room. Selina is about to switch off life support for her mother (whom we never see), and is also awaiting news from her election recount. It's chaos. The beeping of the medical equipment keeps everyone checking their phones. Selina's aide Gary (Tony Hale) collapses into a wheelchair.

"Ignore Steven Hawking over there," Selina says to a doctor.

Selina's mother dies just as the staff receives good news from the recount. Selina's daughter Catherine (Sarah Sutherland), who was getting coffee, enters to find everyone cheering.

"Is Grandma better?" Catherine asks.

"Catherine! I thought you were here," Selina says. "Grandma's dead. But we got great news about the election!"

Is it me, or is this show meaner now that its creator, Armando Iannucci, has departed, replaced by Seinfeld/Curb Your Enthusiasm vet David Mandel?

Iannucci is an unparalleled master of insults – if you haven't seen his film In the Loop or series The Thick of It, please do. But he's also British, which I posit gives him a refined sense of the workplace class system.

In earlier seasons, Selina's staff ragged on each other, but they also knew their place in the pecking order.

The insults had a subtle variety. Now they feel of the same voice and intensity. Selina's abject disdain for Catherine, especially, is much harsher. It used to be tempered with guilt, which was more nuanced.

This is a quibble. Veep remains one of the fleetest, funniest half-hours on TV. But we were lucky to have Iannucci as long as we did.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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MEET THE CONDO

Cozy up in the Cambie corridor

Project overview

The Grayson is part of Pennyfarthing Homes' Cambie Collection, a series of residential communities being built along the Cambie corridor on Vancouver's west side. This project will have 58 contemporary homes, many carrying stunning views of the west side greenery, the downtown skyline and the North Shore mountains.

In the neighbourhood

Residents at The Grayson will have more than 130 acres of forest, gardens and walking trails to take advantage of. Queen Elizabeth Park offers recreational amenities, fine dining and unique attractions. Grocery stores, restaurants, coffee shops and the Hillcrest Community Centre are within walking distance, while Oakridge Centre is five minutes away by SkyTrain.

Housing amenities

Some of the interior features residents can look forward to are high ceilings, energy efficient air conditioning, Kentwood-engineered hardwood flooring throughout the main living areas and his-and-hers vanity sinks in the master ensuite. Communal amenities include electric vehicle charging stations and a lounge that comes with a children's play area and a kitchen.

Location and transit

The Grayson is conveniently located at Cambie and 26th Avenue. Residents are a two-minute walk away from the King George SkyTrain station, which links riders to downtown Vancouver or to Richmond and Vancouver International Airport. For those who drive or bike, The Grayson offers private underground parking and bike lockers.

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DESIGN

When moving in together, couples learn to compromise

For couples setting up a new home together, it's a challenge: how to merge two sets of stuff and two decorating styles into one space they both can love.

"Emotions get really high when it comes to your belongings if the person you're choosing to spend the rest of your life with doesn't love what you love," says stylist Marianne Canada, host of the HGTV Crafternoon web series.

In our increasingly design-savvy world, many people come to coupledom with a clear idea of how their home should look. Even when couples try to accommodate conflicting tastes, they run into the space issue.

"Most of us just don't have room for two full households together," Canada says. "You have to make some choices."

Here, Canada and two other interior designers — California-based Betsy Burnham and Florida-based Laura Burleson — offer advice on mixing, matching and peacefully negotiating a merger of two homes.

Claim your favourites

Each person probably has a few treasured pieces of furniture or art that they can't imagine living without. Burnham suggests that partners agree to each keep perhaps three or four of these pieces in their shared home. If one partner truly dislikes one of the other's absolute favourites, consider changing the piece a little through painting or reupholstering.

Go with the contrast

Once those favourite pieces are chosen, Burnham suggests creating a clean slate by painting the walls a crisp white or a white shade with just a hint of colour. Then look at all the remaining furniture against this new backdrop as though you were shopping. Rather than trying to group items that are similar, experiment with pairing those that contrast. All three designers say contrast can be the best part of decor. Couples merging two households "have such a leg up, design-wise," says Burleson, because they can creatively mix and layer a wide range of decor into one stylish space.

Try new locations

As you assess your remaining furniture and accessories, consider placing things in rooms where they've never been. "You don't have to make that big leather recliner work in your traditional living room," Canada says, even if that's where it's always been. What about using it in your bedroom for late-night reading? Small dressers can serve as end tables or sideboards, while end tables can be used as bedside tables. Living room seating can make a guest room cozier, while a kitchen table can add extra dining space to a family room.

Shop together

Buying a few new pieces can tie together a couple's shared decor and help both partners feel at home. "Maybe they go shopping," Burnham says, "and they find some great vintage rugs that neither one of them knew they loved." This includes accessories and artwork: Canada suggests buying one powerful piece of art to be a focal point in your newly shared space. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Adding a tropical punch this season

Furnishings and accessories made of tropical plant and tree fibers started to appear in the fall, in modern vintage and midcentury pieces. That trend has expanded for spring and summer to wall coverings, textiles and rugs printed with imagery drawn from the jungle, beach and rainforest. TEXT AND IMAGES BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 Prints and soft touches

A palm-printed pillow can freshen a sofa or chair. You'll find a collection of throw pillows and shower curtains with big, bold palm-leaf prints at H&M Home. "There can be an element of late '70s/early '80s kitsch to it," says Joss & Main's style director Donna Garlough. "I recently watched a rerun of 'Golden Girls' and laughed my head off over all the tropical elements on that set that have come back into vogue, from the rattan furniture to the macrame plant hangers. Blanche even had that famous palm wallpaper in her bedroom."

Playful toucans peek out from behind bamboo branches on a whimsical, tropical print throw pillow from H & M Home. A vintage style palm leaf print graces a chic throw pillow from H&M Home. handm.com

2 Texture

Add a few inexpensive rattan pieces to your home. The textures contrast nicely with contemporary furniture's trim lines, and bring homey charm to more bohemian spaces. Rattan also works as a foil for both bright and neutral hues.

Seagrass fibers are woven together to create a smart little ottoman as shown. The textural piece adds a touch of the tropics to spring and summer decor. dotandbo.com

3 Playful

Overstock.com has Tommy Bahama's Tropical Hibiscus throw pillow and a chic white pineapple table lamp. Flamingo-printed sheets bring the theme into the bedroom, and the pink bird struts across a preppy-striped rug.

A pink flamingo struts across a preppy striped rug shown here from Overstock.

Bedding with a fun flamingo print is shown and is an easy way to introduce tropical decor.

A white ceramic pineapple lamp, shown, is a chic accessory that brings a touch of the tropics into a space. Overstock.com

VEGETABLES

Learning what will — and will not — grow in your garden

The Victoria Day long weekend marks the start of gardening season for many, and for those on a budget, it's a chance to plant vegetable seeds or plants that can help with grocery bills for years to come.

Gardening/weather expert Frank Ferragine, a.k.a. Frankie Flowers of Breakfast Television Toronto, says his No. 1 recommendation for veggies that will produce a big bounty for a good price is the tomato.

"The best one to do for that is called the Early Girl and I would recommend the Early Girl bush variety, so then it won't take up a lot of space," he says.

"Then swiss chard. It's super cheap, easy to grow from seed or you can buy it as a plant; every time you cut it, it's going to sprout back again, so you don't have to do multiple plantings."

Ferragine provides a wealth of gardening advice in his new book, Food to Grow: A simple, no-fail guide to growing your own vegetables, fruits and herbs.

His other budget-friendly veggie recommendations include kale, which can be harvested well into December and sweetens in flavour as it gets colder.

"The side shoots are really easy to harvest and you can do long durations of harvest," he says.

"Word of warning is, after it gets real cold and if we go through a warm spell, there's nothing worse than the smell of rotting kale. So if it's at the front entrance of your home ... you just pull it."

For something quick to harvest, try radishes or spinach.

"Those are an early crop, so you can even group those together," says Ferragine. "Even if you don't have a lot of space — and let's say you have a perennial garden — you could sow some spinach and radishes in a perennial garden and then harvest them before the perennials grow into that space."

He also recommends herbs, which provide multiple harvests.

Parsley in particular is easy to grow and can be used for many dishes like tabbouleh.

"The number one failure is that people put them in too small of a pot," says Ferragine.

For apartment and condo dwellers, he recommends grouping four or five herbs used most often into at least a 10-inch pot with ample drainage.

"The number one thing is the sun," he says. "The more sun you have, the better it's going to be."

Spinach, lettuces, tomatoes, peppers, bush beans and scarlet runner beans are also great for balconies.

As for cauliflower, which soared in price a few months ago, it's not difficult to grow but it does take up space and requires summer maintenance.

"In order for the cauliflower to remain white, you have to take the leaves, bunch them together and tie them with an elastic and that's what keeps them white," he says.

The one item he doesn't recommend growing in a city is corn, which restricts light, attracts raccoons and is often locally grown and readily available at an affordable cost anyway.

Ferragine says the key is taking the time to figure out: "What do I eat and what do I eat a lot of?" Then it's drafting a plan with the hard-fixed costs.

"A lot of people want to save their own money by growing a vegetable garden and you can, but I say it's kind of like an RRSP where it's kind of a long-haul," he says. "So the first year when you go and you build that garden, there's going to be some upfront costs.... The second and third year is where you really start saving money."

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Frank Ferragine, a.k.a. Frankie Flowers of Breakfast Television Toronto is the author of the new book Food to Grow: A simple, no-fail guide to growing your own vegetables, fruits and herbs.

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EYES UP RAISING THE CEILING CAN REALLY CHANGE A ROOM

So many North American homes are built with flat and noticeably low eight- or nine-foot ceilings. Some homeowners are opting to change that, extending their ceilings all the way up to the roof. It's a big project, but it can powerfully change the look and feel of a home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A renovated home once with ceilings barely 8 feet high were raised as shown to create a dramatic open space. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Architects tend to look skyward: The ancient Greeks built coffered ceilings in their temples. Romans introduced the barrel vault. Medieval builders constructed Gothic arches and Renaissance domes to inspire the masses.

American builders in the early and mid-20th century did embrace flat ceilings.

Frank Lloyd Wright would manipulate the impact of a flat ceiling by designing it lower near a room's entrance. "So when you came in the room and he popped it up, you felt that you'd arrived somewhere," says Lichten, founder of the architecture and design firm Lichten Craig.

Trouble is, many other mid-century home-builders didn't get Wright's message.

Piggyback on other construction

If you're already doing heavy remodeling — perhaps removing walls to open up a kitchen and dining room — consider raising the ceiling in those rooms, suggests Chip Wade, contractor and host of HGTV's Elbow Room and Curb Appeal: The Block. The expense and challenge of redistributing the roof's load can be shared by both projects.

If you're not making any other changes, then raising a ceiling is an expensive choice, similar to putting an addition on your house, says Scott McGillivray of the DIY Network series Income Property.

Yet it can be worth the investment.

"It changes the feel of the whole space," McGillivray says, so there's no harm in getting estimates and considering the project.

Every home is different

Get estimates from engineers or architects who can think creatively about your particular home, says Wade.

"It needs to be someone who can see the engineering side first" and will consider more than one approach, Wade says.

Raising the ceiling of an older, pre-1950s home can be simpler than doing so on a newer home, says McGillivray, because older houses were often built with rafters rather than prefab trusses. Exposing rafters doesn't change the structure of the roof, so it's a smaller job.

Removing modern trusses and rebuilding the roof's support is a larger project, usually involving the addition of a huge centre beam running the length of the room.

Older, Victorian-style houses are likely to have a very pitched roof, adding considerable height to a room. So you can raise the ceiling to a game-changing height by exposing those vintage rafters.

Other ceiling options

If raising your ceiling is too expensive, consider easy, decorative fixes like metallic ceiling tiles and coffered panels.

You can make the most of a decorative ceiling through "vertical tricks," says Lichten. Try installing paneling vertically up to the ceiling, or adding tall, vertical windows to create the illusion of height.

Or try making the ceiling artificially lower at the entrance by adding a few inches of soffit above the doorway.

"There's a basic human need to feel this vertical force in a room," Lichten says. "So anything you can do to bring the eye upward, to bring it skyward helps."

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Lowry lowers the boom

RAPTORS
TORONTO LEADS 3-2

Point guard hits late buckets, DeRozan ices game from line

GAME 5 In Toronto

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For the first time in perhaps the entire post-season, Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan both played like all-stars.

And now the Toronto Raptors are one victory away from the NBA Eastern Conference final.

DeRozan scored 34 points, while Lowry had 25 to lift the Raptors 99-91 over the Heat on Wednesday. They head back to Miami with a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal.

A win in Friday's Game 6 and the Raptors will play in the conference final for the first time in the team's 21-year history.

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 20.

In what's turned into a series of attrition, the Raptors are without Jonas Valanciunas for the series (ankle), and DeRozan is battling a thumb injury. The Heat are missing starting centre Hassan Whiteside (knee).

Lowry and DeRozan's solid shooting sparked an early 20-point Raptors lead, before the Heat cut it to 10 with a 16-2 run that straddled the second and third quarter.

The Raptors headed into the fourth up 75-62, but back-to-back three-pointers from Josh Richardson cut the lead to seven points. DeRozan took a hard hit to his bad thumb, and made a beeline for the locker-room. But he returned with four minutes to play, to a warm ovation, and was huge in his return.

Wade scored Miami's final eight points, and cut the Heat's deficit to one point with two minutes to play.

But DeRozan scored 13 of the Raptors' fourth-quarter points, while Lowry had seven, including a three-point dagger with 53 seconds left that he followed up with another long jumper that had the Air Canada Centre crowd roaring.

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ACHES, PAINS

DeMarre Carroll left with a wrist injury late in the third quarter.

Carroll crashed to the ground after running into a Miami player attempting to set a block. He headed to the Toronto locker-room and did not return, but the Raptors said X-rays were negative.

Raptors point guard Kyle Lowry scores a layup against the Heat's Dwyane Wade on Wednesday. RON TURENNE/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

MLS

Whitecaps ride Perez's bicycle-kick goal to victory

Blas Perez scored both of Vancouver's goals on Wednesday night at BC Place Stadium. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blas Perez scored his second goal of the night and second of the season on a bicycle kick in the 89th minute Wednesday as the Vancouver Whitecaps defeated the Chicago Fire 2-1.

The 35-year-old, who used to be loathed by Vancouver fans during his four seasons with rival FC Dallas before joining the Whitecaps (5-5-2) this winter, sent BC Place Stadium into a frenzy when his strike beat a helpless Matt Lampson in the Chicago goal.

Kennedy Igboananike replied for the Fire (1-3-4).

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With his team trailing 1-0 in the second half, Igboananike cut inside Whitecaps defender Jordan Harvey and beat goalkeeper David Ousted at the near post in the 62nd minute for his team-leading fourth of the season.

Chicago, playing for the first time since April 30 and suiting up for an MLS-low eighth game of the season, was clearly the fresher of the two teams and continued to carry the play in the second half.

Perez opened the scoring in the 36th minute on a well-worked move. Pedro Morales sprayed a diagonal pass down the right side to Christian Bolanos, who in turn crossed to Perez in the Chicago penalty area.

The ball took a touch off of a Fire defender, bounced off Perez's shins and past Lampson.

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IN BRIEF

Blues rub shine off Stars

Robby Fabbri, Paul Stastny and Troy Brouwer each scored a goal and had two assists, and the St. Louis Blues dominated the Dallas Stars to advance to their first Western Conference final since 2001 with a 6-1 victory in Game 7 of their series Wednesday night.

The Blues will have home-ice advantage in the Western Conference final against Nashville or San Jose. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eugenie through, Milos out

Eugenie Bouchard reached the third round of the Italian Open with an upset of second seed Angelique Kerber on Wednesday, while fellow Canadian Milos Raonic was ousted by nemesis Nick Kyrgios.

Raonic fell 7-6 (5), 6-3 to Kyrgios, who has won three straight matches against the Canadian.

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Scherzer's 20 strikeouts match big-league record

Max Scherzer struck out 20 batters, matching the major-league record for a nine-inning game as he pitched the Washington Nationals past the Detroit Tigers 3-2 on Wednesday night.

The right-hander, who pitched two no-hitters last season and struck out 17 in the second one, joined Roger Clemens (twice), Kerry Wood and Randy Johnson as the only big-league pitchers to compile 20 strikeouts in nine innings.

Tom Cheney holds the major-league record with 21 strikeouts in a 16-inning game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sunderland victory ousts Newcastle and Norwich

Sunderland completed its latest escape from relegation in the English Premier League on Wednesday and consigned bitter northeast rival Newcastle to the second tier in the process.

A 3-0 win over Everton guaranteed safety for Sunderland with a game to spare this season, justifying its decision to hire survival specialist Sam Allardyce as manager in October.

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RECIPE Flatbread Pizza

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This is one of those dishes that doesn't really require a recipe. A flatbread pizza is an easy end of day meal win because it uses leftovers and comes together easy.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 large flatbread
- 1/3 cup pasatta (lightly seasoned, pureed tomatoes)
- 6 mushrooms, sliced thinly
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup ricotta
- 1/2 tsp lemon zest
- 1/3 zucchini, sliced with a vegetable peeler into ribbons
- 1/2 cup Parmesan, grated
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions
1. Preheat the oven to 400. Arrange all your ingredients on your flatbread and bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until crust is golden brown and vegetables are fork tender.

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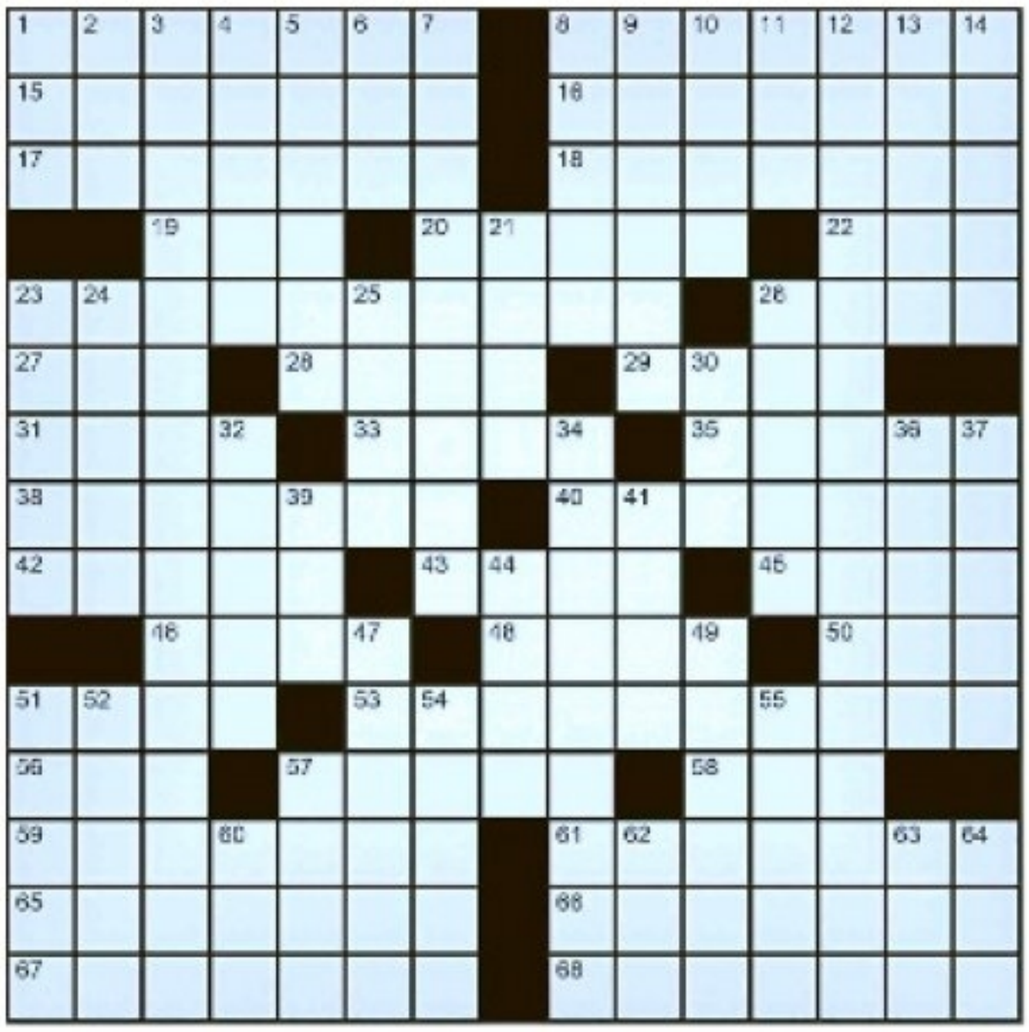

ACROSS
1. Belonging to Massachusetts' capital city
8. Shoppers Drug Mart: __ Card
15. Undetected, like some fighter aircraft
16. Wealth
17. To the point
18. __ Pops (Candy-filled treats on a stick)
19. Six and Eight separator, wee-ly
20. Harped on
22. Incurred
23. Canadian magazine since 1928
26. Coastal birds
27. Former military General's abbr.
28. Some rodents
29. Jean Arp's art
31. Dismounted
33. Livelinesses
35. Posh sofa
38. Miami's locale
40. Sugar pill, in clinical trials
42. Gin and __
43. Function
45. Larger __ life
46. __ acetate (Banana oil)
48. Challenger
50. Devoured
51. Mr. Mineo's
53. No need for the whispers, it's a known thing: 2 wds.
56. Will Smith movie
57. __ 99 (Maxwell Smart's colleague)
58. Male swan
59. Cough drop
61. Cut from the Coast: 2 wds.
13. Alliance
14. Gets introduced to
21. Bit of bangs
23. Artsy creation
24. Adele tune
25. Force in California's largest city [acronym]
26. Decree
30. Inman's love in "Cold Mountain" (2003)
32. Crops
34. Wood worker's woes
36. Taper off
37. Three trios
39. Glacial
41. Spike and Bruce
44. Stove
47. Lumberjack
49. Food formula
51. Beauty parlour
52. Flying solo
54. Baby bird sounds
55. Terra __ flower pots
57. 'A' of AM
60. Founded, for short
62. "See Saw Margery __" (18th-century nursery rhyme)
63. Mr. Geller
64. Downing's political address number in Britain
65. '__ __ Beyond...': 1979 album for British ska band Madness
66. 1981 Blondie hit
67. Empty __ (Couples with unused-extra-bedrooms)
68. Administer an oath of office: 2 wds.

DOWN
1. Particular letters for a grad
2. Prefix to 'logist' (Ear doctor)
3. Tells a tabloid type of tale
4. Be silent, in music
5. !-ending musical
6. Days opp.
7. Cry: 3 wds.
8. Frequently
9. Combined, as resources
10. Horse gait
11. Cousin __
12. Newfoundland town on the Kittiwake

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might see new uses for something that you own today because you're in a resourceful frame of mind. You might act on an old idea you had for making money.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Take a realistic look in the mirror today to see how you can improve your appearance. What you see might be something you have been thinking about doing for a while.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is an excellent day for research, because you will apply yourself diligently to whatever it is you are looking for. Yes, you'll be like a dog with a bone.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might attract someone very powerful to you today. This person might say something that actually causes you to modify your goals for the future.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Conversations with bosses, parents and VIPs will be memorable today. Quite likely, they will ask you about old business. Perhaps they want you to account for something.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you discuss politics, religion or racial issues today, you will get serious. Likewise, this is a good day to study thoughtful subjects.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might see a new way to tackle problems about inheritances or shared property. Old disputes might be solved now because of a new way of thinking.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Discussions with others are powerful today. This might be because you are coming on strong or because others are coming on strong. Whatever happens, listen carefully.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Look for ways to introduce improvements and reforms at work, because you will see them today. Likewise, you might see ways to improve your own health.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might have a romantic obsession today. Be careful, because this kind of fantasy can overtake your sense of perspective and reality. Try to see things as they really are.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your ideas about how to make improvements at home probably are solid. Talk to a family member to get agreement with someone. Then it will be all systems go.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You have penetrating insights into whatever you think about or talk about today, because your mind is like a laser. You see the reasons behind things, the subtext.

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